

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3

Agenda

Chair, Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny
Senator Dave Cox
Senator Wesley Chesbro



Agenda – Part “B” ADDENDUM

Thursday, May 18, 2006
1 p.m.

John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)
Consultant, Brian Annis

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7350 Department of Industrial Relations**Issue 4: CalOSHA Staffing (Staff Issue)**

Description: The Department indicates that there are 235 authorized staff in the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CalOSHA), that the resulting ratio of CalOSHA inspectors to the civilian workforce is about 1:74,103. Advocates for the California Association of Professional Scientists suggest that California's staffing ratio is below that of other states and the Subcommittee should augment CalOSHA staffing.

April 27, 2006, Hearing: The Subcommittee heard testimony on this issue at the April 27 hearing and requested that the LAO research the issue and present their findings at the next hearing.

Detail/Background: The Department indicates, and has provided data that demonstrates, that the California staffing to employment ratio is about the same as the average for those states that use federal OSHA inspectors. When the ratios are compared to states which, like California, utilize state staff for OSHA inspector, California falls below the staffing average. The average ratio for the state-run programs is 1:50,166.

Staff Comment: Upon request, the Department provided data to indicate that 10 new positions could be added if funding were augmented by \$1 million.

Questions:

1. LAO: Please present your findings on this issue.

Staff Recommendation: Augment the Department's budget by \$1.0 million to add 10 new CalOSHA positions.